

ABSTRACT

Disclosed are methods and compositions useful in the recruitment, activation and initiation of proliferation of immune cells. The instant invention relates to the discovery that specific insect cells and insect cell compositions exhibit adjuvant properties. The added benefit of this system is that the insect cells utilized may be transformed with an expression system and thus proteins may be introduced into the composition through direct protein expression by the cells. The claimed compositions and methods are particularly relevant in anti-tumor and cancer therapy. Of specific interest is the ability of the compositions of the invention to elicit a response that controls not only the primary tumor but also any metastatic cells or metastatic tumors which subsequently arise.

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